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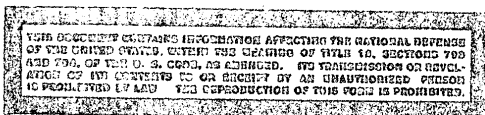
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1. Some time ago, Werner Franz, the chief designer of the Warnowwerft, in Warnemuende, designed a new type of freighter which has been designated as Type 4 (Typ 4 Schiff). This freighter would have a displacement of 9,500 or 10,000 BRT. Moscow has approved the design and the Wismar and Warnemuende shipyards have been ordered to build one each of this design in 1955.
2. The Warnowwerft designing office has also designed a passenger ship on orders from the Soviets which will have the same displacement as the Type 4 freighter. The orders from Moscow concerning this design specified that the passenger ship should be equipped with large diesel engines; the Type 4 freighter, however, will have steam engines. Moscow also stipulated that the diesel motors must be obtained from the West and that they must be capable of driving the ship at a speed of at least 20 knots. The appropriate DIA offices at once got in touch with MAN in Muenchen and tried to order two diesel engines of 5,000 h.p. each. MAN replied that it would be about two years before they could deliver diesel engines that powerful. At the time of observation, DIA intended to try to obtain the engines more quickly. The Soviets have indicated that they will provide any type of currency needed to obtain the engines.
3. The Soviets wish to obtain Western-made diesel motors for ships with two, four, six, eight and ten cylinders and to be able to exchange parts among them, if necessary, so that the greatest possible number of ships can be kept in operation at one time.

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